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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.115, prior to the examination of this application, entry of the following amendment is requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Fee
Total Claims								
36	-	20	=	16	x	18.00	=	\$288.00
Independent Claims								
10	-	3	=	7	x	86.00	=	\$602.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE								\$0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE								890.00

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